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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Dear Sir:

Applicants request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application. Applicants request a two month extension or until November 27, 2007, to retain pendency in the subject application and thereby continuity for purposes of filing a continuing application. Form PTO/SB/24, Express Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. 1.138 is filed herewith. You are instructed to withdraw the filing fee amount of \$230.00 to cover the one month extension of time from our Deposit Account No. 19-4409.

Respectfully submitted,

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